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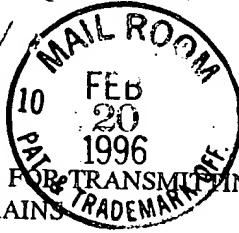
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Hon. Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 18, 1996,
please consider the following remarks.

Restriction has been required under 35 U.S.C. §121 between the
following groups of claims:

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I. Claims 1-40 and 66-71, drawn to a method and apparatus for computerized control of clutch regulation, classified in Class 364, Subclass 424.01.

II. Claims 41 and 42, drawn to a method and apparatus for clutch slip regulation, classified in Class 192, Subclass 3.28.

III. Claims 42-53, 61-65, 80-91 and 94-101 drawn to a method and apparatus for torque-responsive clutch control, classified in Class 477, Subclass 166.

IV. Claims 54-60 and 73-79, drawn to a torque converter, lockup clutch and damper, classified in Class 192, Subclass 106.2.

V. Claims 92 and 93 drawn to an apparatus for engine torque-responsive clutch and transmission control, classified in Class 477, Subclass 57.

To comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §121, applicants provisionally elect with traverse to prosecute Group I including claims 1-40 and 66-71 for prosecution on the merits. Further, applicants expressly reserve the right to file divisional applications directed towards the non-elected claims of Group II which includes claims 41 and 42, Group III which includes claims 42-53, 61-65, 80-91 and 94-101, Group IV which includes claims 54-60 and 73-79 and Group V

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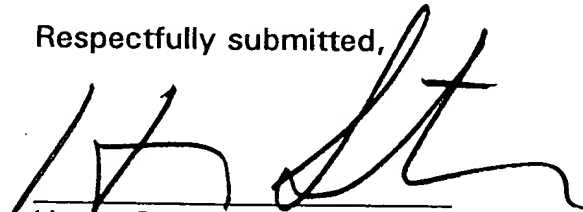
which includes claims 92 and 93 in the event the Examiner's Restriction Requirement is made final.

It is respectfully submitted that the requirement for a restriction between the claims of Groups I-V is improper and should be withdrawn. All of the claims now appearing in this application should be examined at this time.

Because the claims of Group I could not properly be thoroughly examined without searching all of the Patent and Trademark Office classes and sub-classes in which the claims of Groups II-V are classified, a single novelty search would appear to suffice to locate prior art which might be relevant for ascertaining the patentability of the claims in all of those groups.

Withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Sternberg', written over a horizontal line.

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